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USE OF PESTICIDES
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the farmers and agricultural workers are affected due to inhailing of pesticides/exposure to poisonous pesticides while using them;

(b) if so, the details thereof indicating the number of cases reported during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise;

(c) the number of deaths reported due to inhailing of pesticides/ exposure to poisonous pesticides during the said period;

(d) the details of compensation/ assistance provided by the Government during the said period; and

(e) the details of the steps taken to educate the farmers on such issues?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K.V. THOMAS)

(a): If the pesticides are not used as per safety precautions/guidelines/label claims as per the Insecticides Act, 1968 and the Insecticide Rules, 1971 the farmers and agricultural workers may be affected while using them.

(b) & (c): The number of pesticides poisoning cases and deaths due to such poisoning during last three years and current year, State-wise are given at Annexure-I and Annexure-II respectively.

(d): The information is not maintained by the Central Government.

(e): The Central and State Governments organize training programmes on safe and judicious use of pesticides to educate the farmers and to create awareness about ill effects of misuse of pesticides.

The Government is popularizing the strategy of Integrated Pest Management which includes cultural, mechanical, biological and other methods of pest-control and only safe and judicious use of pesticides.